



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF

Regional Schooling Show Awards Program Rules

General Information:

1. Program year is December 1 through November 30.
2. Scores may be earned in any USDF region.
3. Late nominations, applications and results submissions will not be accepted.

Rider Eligibility & Requirements:

1. Rider must have a USDF Group Membership that is recorded by the Group Member Organization (GMO) at the time the scores are earned.
2. Riders affiliated with an International GMO must declare a USDF region.
3. Owner must have at least a USDF non-member number at the time the scores are earned.
4. Horse must have at least a USDF Horse Identification Number at the time the scores are earned.
5. Rider must submit a one-time yearly online nomination and \$35 nomination fee for each horse/rider combination no later than 14 days after the last day of the first competition. The nomination fee must be paid annually.
6. Riders may change their division status during the program year. A rider's status will be determined at the end of the program year.
7. Rider must submit scores to USDF online no later than 21 days after the last day of the competition.
8. Only USDF members in good standing are eligible to compete in the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program and receive awards.

Award Divisions & Levels:

1. Four award divisions will be recognized per region:
 - a. Open: from the beginning of the calendar year the rider reaches age 22, not a USEF Adult Amateur (AA), not a non-professional.
 - b. Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR): up until the end of the calendar year the rider reaches age 21.
 - c. AA: from the beginning of the calendar year the rider reaches age 22 and possess a current USEF AA card.
 - d. Non-Professional: from the beginning of the calendar year the rider reaches age 22, not a current USEF AA, not a professional.
2. Seven levels (freestyle, pas de deux and quadrille not included) will be recognized per division. Exception: only 6 levels are recognized in the open division:
 - a. Introductory (only in Jr/YR, AA and non-professional divisions)
 - b. Training
 - c. First
 - d. Second
 - e. Third
 - f. Fourth
 - g. FEI – combination of Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II and Grand Prix scores.

3. Equivalencies listed in the current *USDF Member Guide* are eligible. Tests not listed as equivalencies will not be eligible.
4. Preliminary standings will be ranked using a median of all eligible scores and will be available on the USDF website.
5. Final awards standings will be based on the rider's region of primary residence in the USDF database as of November 30.

Score requirements:

1. Introductory Level:
 - a. Must have a minimum of five scores
 - b. From three different judges
 - c. From three different competitions
2. Training through Fourth Levels (levels may not be combined to meet requirements):
 - a. Must have a minimum of five scores
 - b. From three different judges
 - c. From three different competitions
 - d. At least one score must be earned from the highest test of the level
3. FEI Level (levels may be combined to meet requirements):
 - a. Must have a minimum of four scores
 - b. From three different judges
 - c. From three different competitions

Prizes:

1. Up to ten placings per division/level will be recognized.
2. Ribbons will be mailed to the rider.
3. Certificates will be available online.

Competition Management Requirements:

1. Any non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competition may participate.
2. To participate, competition management must submit online application and \$25 participation fee to USDF at least 30 days prior to the start date of the competition.
3. The prize list must be submitted to USDF no later than 14 days prior to the competition.
4. Competition judges must be one of the following:
 - a. Current USDF L Graduate, with or without distinction (highly recommend USDF L Graduates with distinction), which has met USDF continuing education requirements and Safe Sport training. USDF L Graduates with distinction are eligible to judge FEI classes.
 - b. USEF or FEI-licensed or retired dressage judge.
5. FEI classes must be judged by USEF or FEI-licensed or retired dressage judges or USDF L Graduates with distinction.
6. Competition arenas must be in compliance with US Equestrian DR 126 for level 1 competitions.
7. Competition results must be submitted to USDF via the USDF Electronic Results Submission Standard (ERSS) format (using the USEF Universal Spreadsheet Template) no later than 21 days from the end date of the competition.